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Fearful for the safety of her childhood friend, June tries to convince Sejuru to stay with the students and faculty of Rahini Academy, reminding him that he has friends who care about him. But the language of human emotions seems to be lost on Sejuru, and when he is taken away to the Demon's King's lair his dark heritage is further revealed. Sejuru is the spawn of the Demon King, destined to fulfill a dreadful prophecy, one that involves the next Queen of Light..

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I DON'T KNOW THE REASON BUT...
...I KNOW THIS PLACE.
THIS IS WHERE...

I FOUGHT WITH SOMEONE...
A WAR.
A WOMAN WITH A SNEER...
NO!

IT'S NOT ME.

IT'S NOT MINE.

I'M EMPTY.
AND I'M FULL OF USELESS THINGS.
THE ONLY THING I HAVE IS THE NAME.
THE NAME THAT YOU GAVE ME AT SOME POINT.
BUT I CANNOT FIND YOU.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO GO.

I COULD DISAPPEAR AT ANY TIME.
KILL HIM.
HE'S STILL BREATHING.
WHAT?

GRIP THE SWORD AGAIN
!
KWAK
FINISH IT.
.....
HOLD THE SWORD!

FINISH IT!
DAMN IT! STOP!
...!...
LET ME GO!
HM
I CAN'T PICTURE THAT GUY WITH HUMAN EYES ANYMORE.
I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT GUY.
MAYANNE, YOU OKA

MINOCH, THERE'S AN ABANDONED SANCTUARY AROUND HERE, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT THERE WAS A MAJOR BATTLE WITH THE DEMONS THERE SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS AGO
AND IF YOU GO FURTHER INTO THE FOREST, I HEARD THERE'S A DEMON CASTLE THERE
COULD BE I DON'T KNOW. SHOULD WE CHECK IT OUT?
ANYWAY, YOU'RE AMAZING.
THAT WAS A HARD OPPONENT, EVEN FOR US, BUT YOU PUSHED HIM BACK WITH JUST A BROKEN SWORD. MAYBE YOU ARE MEANT TO BE A KNIGHT
....
THE FINISH WAS A MESS
YOU WERE GOOD AT JUST WILDLY HACKING.
NEXT TIME...

DON'T FIDGET AROUND
..AND FINISH IT
IRRESOLUTE COMPASSION
I CANNOT FORGIVE IT
COMPASSION?

NO.
IT'S SELFISHNESS
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT
SINCE I'M A MAGI-STRATE.
IT'S NOT A COMPULSION OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT
IT'S NOT A FAINT LIKE THE SMELL OF DEATH
WHICHEVER WAY IT IS, YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE HOLY CITY WITH US
I KNOW.

BECAUSE I WAS BORN WITH HOLY ENERGY,
I CANNOT DREAM OTHER DREAMS.

I CAN'T PROTECT ANYONE

BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE SOMEONE WHO CREATES DEATH

SO...

...IF I CAN'T BE HAPPY HERE.

YOU ARE CERTAINLY SPOILING YOUR ABILITY
I WILL NOT BE MISERABLE ANY LONGER.

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HER..
WHO'S THERE?
SHE WASN'T DEAD?

도각
THE WHITE KNIGHTS ARE IN AN UPROAR
SHE WAS FAIRLY FAMOUS, RIGHT?
SINCE THE PREVIOUS CAPTAIN OF THE WHITE KNIGHTS CAME BACK.
SHE'S COMING THIS WAY.
MAJESTY, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO WAIT IN THE RECEPTION ROOM.
WHERE IS SHE?
SO...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT.
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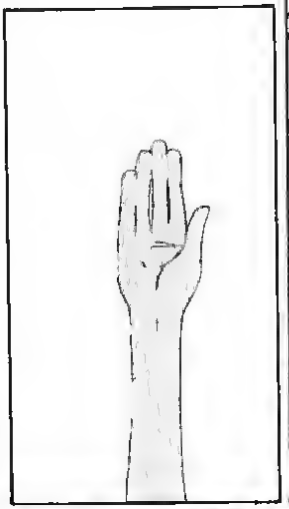

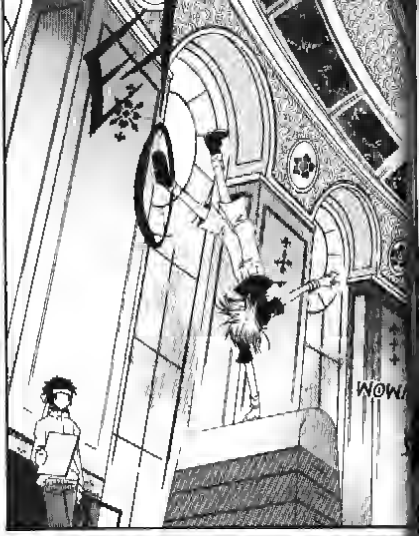

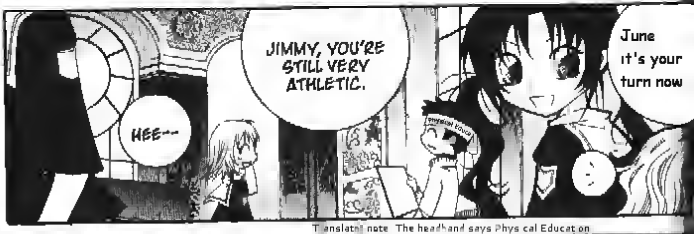

Translation note: The headband says Physical Education

...JUNE NARCIEO.
...
...
DEFEATING ONE BY ONE!

WE JUMP HURDLES IN THIS CLASS, NOT BREAK THEM!
THIS ISN'T NINJA CLASS?
UH OH
THIS IS GYM CLASS
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS NINJA CLASS
WHAT A SPA?
WHAT ABOUT BEING A QUEEN?
WE SOLVED A SIMILAR PROBLEM IN THE LAST CLASS. THIS IS GOING TO BE ON THE TEST.
SO.
. WHO CAN GIVE ME THE ANSWER?
YES!
SHOOT
IT'S "ONE"?!
TING!
THIS IS A HISTORY CLASS, NARCISO
NOT A MATH CLASS.
AND ARE ALL YOUR MATH ANSWERS "ONE"?

WOW!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH JUNE THESE DAYS?
SHE GOT SO WEIRD ALL OF A SUDDEN.
NOT THAT SHE WAS EVER NORMAL...
I FEEL ANXIOUS JUST WATCHING HER
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU DOING?
CLASS WILL START SOON
JUNE, THIS IS THE BOYS' BUILDING
I KNOW!
IT'S BECAUSE SEJURU'S NOT HERE.

WHERE DID HE GO, ANY-WAY?
.....

SURELY...
SURELY TODAY-

I WILL WIN A GOLD MEDAL!
MOM...
EH?
HEY!
ARE YOU RESEARCHING A NEW GAME?
푸쉬쉬
.....

CAN YOU GET TO THE DEMON CASTLE FROM THE LIBRARY?
NO WAY...
WHY CAN'T I FIND IT?
I CAN FEEL MYSELF GETTING HUNGRY...
DO I REALLY NEED THAT BOY?
...
SHIFTING PAPER
HE WAS MAKING A FLAN-MAKE WILL HE COME BACK?
STATIONARY
JUNE, DO YOU MISS SEJURU?
YES.
HOW SHOULD I ANSWER THIS SO THAT HE COMES BACK?
IF YOU HAVE TO ASK WHY...
WHY?

BUT THAT'S NOT SEJURU.
YOU KNOW, LUCIA...
SEJUR WAS NEVE HUMAN
WHAT?
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A WAY TO CHANGE DEMONS INTO HUMANS. YOU'RE JUST BORN THAT WAY.
IT'S JUST THAT HIS GRANDMA USE MAGIC TO SEAL AWA HIS DEMONIC ENERG

THAT'S ALL.
NOT ONCE.
SO THERE WAS NEVER A TIME WHEN SEJURU WASN'T SEJURU.
IN THE PAST AND EVEN NOW...
I KNOW THAT SINCE I WAS LITTLE I ALSO KNEW NOTHING WAS FOREVER
I KNEW THAT THIS DAY WOULD COME EVENTUALLY

I KNEW, BUT...

IT WAS JUST ARROGANCE.

EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THAT IT WAS A TREASURE
THAT I'D SOMEDAY LOSE.

THEY SAY WILD ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY HUMANS CAN NEVER RETURN TO THEIR HERD
MAYBE THAT'S TRUE OF SEJURU, TOO
YOU KNOW, LUCIA, SEJURU CAME BY MY HOUSE ONCE DURING VACATION.
AT THE TIME HE WAS CHASED BY DEMONS.

I'M VERY WORRIED ABOUT THAT.

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SEJURU.

Why did I_
_come to this girl?
How did you get in here?
I don't know
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU LOOK WELL.
EVERYONE WAS SO WORRIED.
YOU DIDN'T GET HURT ANYWHERE, DID YOU?
I DON'T KNOW...

...WHAT I'M DOING HERE.
I
WHAT I WANT TO DO.

ONLY THAT...
REMEMBERING THE WARMTH SOAKING INTO ME...
THAT DAY...
FOLLOWING THE FLOWER BLOOMING BRILLIANTLY IN THE NIGHT SKY.
FOLLOWING THE WALTZ THAT CAN BE HEARD FROM FAR AWAY.
HOLDING HANDS.

I SHOULD HAVE DANCED WITH HER
I OCCASIONALLY THINK THAT.
VERY OCCASIONALLY

I'M SURPRISED.

THERE'S A PATH CONNECTING TO THE DEMON WORLD. IN THE SANCTUARY?
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN THERE?
WE HAVE GOTTEN IT UNDER CONTROL. SOMEWHAT.
AFTER IT'S COMPLETED, WE'LL ERECT THE ANGEL STATUE IN ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION.
.....
MR. YURI.
ARE YOU ALWAYS SO PROFES-SIONAL?
HUH?
ACCORDING TO SEJURU, YOU ARE SUCH A FUN PERSON.
WHAT?

HE SAID YOU HAVE A LOT OF TALENT
DAMN IT, SEJURU!
HE ALWAYS..
...WROTE LOTS OF STORIES ABOUT YOU
THEY WERE ALWAYS .
...EN-JOYABLE

DON'T BOTHER. NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU WAIT, HE WON'T COME.
JUNE IS DIVIDED.
SHE WONDERS IF SHE CAN FIND SEJURU..
ACROSS THE ABYSS.
HOW CAN I BRING HIM BACK FROM THIS DARKNESS?
AND EVEN IF I BRING HIM BACK...
HOW...
IT'S REGRETTABLE BUT IT WON'T BE AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED.
AT THAT TIME..

...I SHOULDN'T HAVE ACCEPTED THOSE FLOWERS.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
...THERE'S A PLACE THAT CONNECTS TO THE DEMON WORLD IN ROHINI ACADEMY, TOO

HEL...
...LO.
.....
HOW CAN THIS BE?
THAT REALLY WAS SEJURU!
I FOLLOWED HI
WITHOUT GOIN
INTO THE CLAS
THINKING IT'S
SURELY NOT HI

...HE'S ACTING LIKE HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ME!
BUT
BEFORE, HE WOULD HAVE SMILED AND SAID HELLO.
ANYWAY, WHERE AM I?
COULD THIS BE THE PLACE JUNE WAS TALKING ABOUT?
...!...
THEN SEJURU HERE...

!!
WHY...
SOMETHING

...IS COMING OUT!
EVIL HANDS?!
KYA!
AH!
AH!
I

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!
KYA-AH!
IT'S GOING TO GET INTO THE ACADEMY!
OH, NO! I MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG!
IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING...
Damnit Something's in my eyes!
DAMN IT!
LUCIA!
Hurry and Escape!
SEJURU'S VOICE?

YOU...
...ARE YOU A CANDIDATE FOR QUEEN?

!!

JUNE!
ARE YOU REALLY SAYING THIS IS SEJURU?
YOUR FAITH...
...IS THE RESULT OF THOSE MANY HOURS YOU HAVE SPENT WITH HIM?
ALTHOUGH IT'S VEXING...
..I DON'T HAVE SUCH A THING.

I DIDN'T KNOW THIS BOY EVEN EXISTED SIX MONTHS AGO
EVEN NOW, AFTER SIX MONTHS...
ALL THE MEMORIES AND FEELINGS I'VE BUILT UP...
I HAVE NEVER SHARED WITH HIM.
MY HEART TREMBLING
STILL..
THE DAY WHITE CHERRY BLOSSOM FLEW AROUND...

I DON'T THINK I CAN BLAME YOU AT ALL.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SO...
THIS CAN'T HAPPEN!
I WON'T LET THE OTHER KIDS SEE SEJURU THIS WAY!

IF THEY DO, HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN!
NOT TO ME AND NOT TO YOU.
TO WHOMEVER!

MAYBE IT'S SELFISHNESS.
I DION'T HAVE STRENGTH OR POWER.
I WAS...
...TOO SENSIBLE TO TALK OF LOVE.
TOO REALISTIC TO TALK OF PERFECTION.
TOO EMPTY TO TALK ABOUT DREAMS.

MY SPIRIT DRIED UP.
PACKED FULL OF KNOWLEDGE THAT'S HARD TO HANDLE
I WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE DEAD PHRASES UNDER A HIGH-QUALITY BOOK COVER.
SO...
FOR THAT REASON
I ASKED YOU ABOUT THAT, BUT
AH?

...YOU JUST SMILED
THAT DAY, I WANTED TO PROTECT OUR TREASURE, BUT...
YOU JUST SAID YOU WOULD KILL.
AND THAT WAS...
...!...

IN MY LIFE, THAT WAS THE HARDEST THING TO HEAR.
IT WAS CRUEL AND SAD.

AIIEEE!!
PLATINA

GIRLS, ARE YOU OKAY?
IS ANYONE HURT?
WAH!
MYA!
WHY ARE YOU GOING UP THERE?
WHO IN THE WORLD IS INTERRUPTING MY HOLY SECOND EQUATION CLASS?!

KEH... KEH!
KYA-AH!
PER

TEACHER!
WHAT?
A HEART
I CAN'T SOLVE THIS.
THE REASON WHY SHE WAS STARING FOOL FABRE RAPTURE = CALLED TO SOLVE A PROBLEM
Aaah!
CRATURE
YOU FORGOT WHAT YOU LEARNED YESTERDAY!
JUNE!

WHAT IS THAT? ARE THOSE BEASTS NARCIEG'S MINIONS?
YES, I DO
LET'S GO, SHIRETTA!
SOLVE THE PROBLEM FIVE TIMES AND TURN IT IN! UNDERSTAND?
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S THEIR EMPRESS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S NO SENSE OF INCONGRUITY...
THAT'S DEFINITELY WHERE THE NUMBER TWO IS!
CAPTAIN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
DIDN'T WE COME TO ATTACK THE ROYAL ACADEMY?
WHO IS THIS?
THE ONE WHO'S PUTTING HER HAND ON MINE!

WHO IS IT?

EF
OF
AH...

I CAN'T CLOSE MY EYES!
MY REMAINING STRENGTH...

I NEED TO GATHER MY LAST RESERVES!

WHAT IS THAT?!
CAN'T YOU TELL? HURRY UP AND MOVE!
SOMEONE ALERT THE KNIGHTS!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
.....
HUFF
No. I must find Spenta Mina.
THERE IS NO POWER IN THIS WORLD THAT CAN STAND AGAINST SEJURU.
IF I DON'T FIND IT RIGHT AWAY
I NEED TO FIND IT!
What are you going to do, Lucia?

ARE YOU GOING TO KILL SEJURU?
OR LET HIM LIVE?
...CAN I MAKE THE CHOICE?
It's strange...
THIS STORY IS STRANGE. THERE ONLY TWO CHOICES? LIFE AND DEATH?
YOU CAN NEVER KILL THAT CHILD.
MORE IMPORTANTLY...
DO I NEED TO MAKE A CHOICE?
IF NOT...

WILL I DIE?
SEJURU!

MISS LUCERR, ARE YOU OKAY?
OH, MY GOD! THAT'S SEJURU!
Oh no! The other kids are--
You guys, go back to class now!
Why would sejuru do that to Lucia?
If you stay here and get caught I'm going to kill you!
YOU!
WHO ARE YOU?
WHO ARE YOU THAT DARES TO CLIMB INSIDE MY CHILD?
A MERE IMPUDENT HUMAN.

I am Rohini's 536th Holy White Knights Captain Chief Knight of of the 581th Queen of Light Jibrille
Hecate
Dirantra
I AM A HUMAN WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO HEAR YOUR ACTUAL NAME.
SEEING THAT SWORD, ARE YOU...
...THE DEMON KING SHAO-CIENT?

YOU ARE IMPUDENT!
How dare a mere human say my name!
YOU LITTLE THING, DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO BE GRATEFUL? YOU F**KING THE NANNY WHO RESCUED YOU? YOU ARE GOING TO BET IN TROUBLE!!!
NO! THE KIDS CHARGED SUDDENLY! REALLY!
SINCE WE ARE DONE EXCHANGING NAMES
IT WASN'T EVEN MY FAULT!
...NO MORE USELESS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
I WILL CATCH YOU WHOLE AND SEAL YOU!

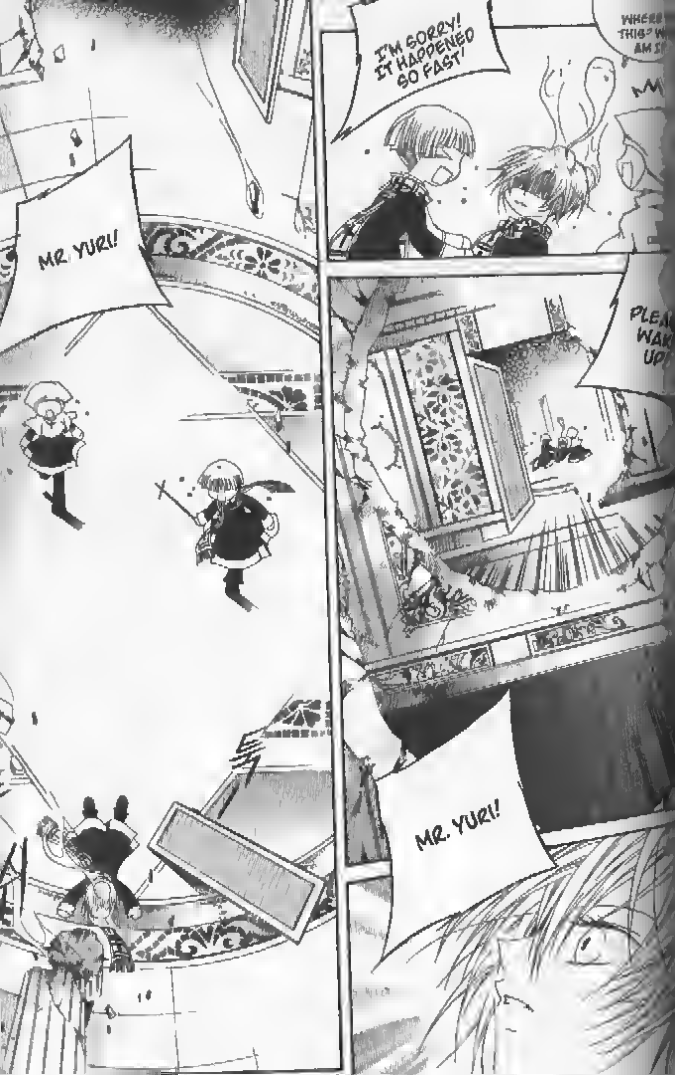
IN SHORT...
!!
..YOU ARE THE ONES WHO TAUGHT THIS CHILD TO BE HUMAN.
WHAT...ARE YOU DOING... NOW?
!
CURIOUS?

SEJURU!
SHOULD I TELL YOU AN OLD STORY?
FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO...
I WANTED TO ANNIHILATE ROHINI ACADEMY
YOU'RE ONLY 16 YEARS OLD, DUDE
Sejuru?

AT THAT TIME...
...THE LINEAGE OF HOLY ENERGY...
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED.

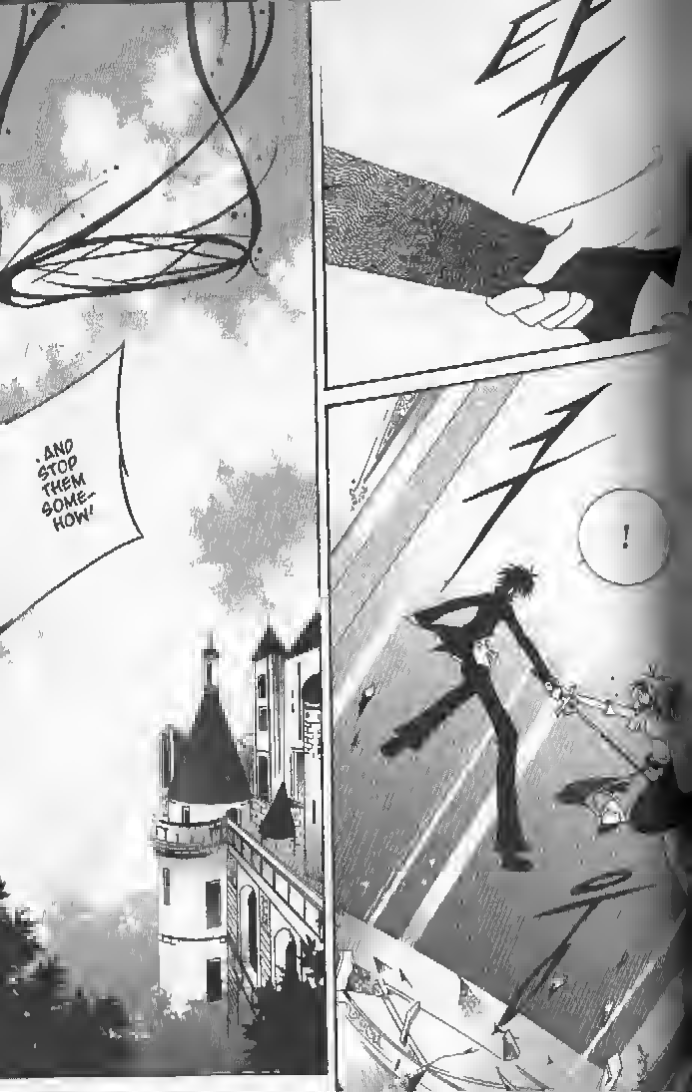
MAYBE IT ISN'T IN MY NATURE TO BE INTRUSIVE?
THINGS WILL GET COMPLICATED IF I ADMIT I KNOW OF A POINT OF DEMON CONTACT WITHIN THE ACADEMY.
AND WHAT ABOUT THAT TREMBLING JU NOW? I'M SUR THE KNIGHTS WI TAKE CARE OF IT
WHAT EXTREMELY INSUFFERABLE TWINS
ANYWAY, I THINK THIS MAGIC FORMATION IS EFFECTIVE WHEN THE DEMON KING AND THE QUEEN OF LIGHT ARE EVENLY MATCHED.
MR. YURI, SHALL WE START THE SEALING CEREMONY?
THAT'S NOT A COMMON SITUATION.

WHO IN THE WORLD MADE SUCH A USELESS MAGIC FORMATION?
WELL...
...THEN..
...LET'S...
...DO IT!


I'M SORRY! IT HAPPENED SO FAST!
MR. YURI!
MR. YURI!

HUH?
THIS IMMENSE EVIL ENERGY IS COMING FROM...
SEJURU?

A SMALL RING FORMATION OF BLOOD?
LOOK AT THAT MASSIVE ARMY OF DEMON SOLDIERS OVER THERE!
ARE THEY PLANNING TO START A WAR WITH ROHINI ACADEMY?!
WE HAVE TO GATHER THE HOLY POWER, LIKE THIS


...AND STOP THEM SOME-HOW!
!

JUNE!
NO!
THE MAGIC FORMATION IS MOVING IN A CIRCLE.
I CAN'T SEND HER!

THAT'S DEFINITELY THE LANDSCAPE OF THE DEMON CASTLE.
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T GET NEAR IT!
AH AH AH!

...!...
HUH?
!
JUNE!

WHAT?
UH...

NANNY!
DO YOU KNOW THE CAUSE OF SUCH A CATASTROPHE?
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU LACK A SENSE OF SELF. THAT IS WHY IT WAS SO EASY FOR ME TO SEEP INTO YOU.
HOW IS "SELF" DEFINED? HOW CAN YOU PROVE YOU "ARE"? AREN'T WE NOW BECOMING "ME"?

YOU, WHO CALLED MY NAME. I, WHO COLLECTED THE MEMORIES. WE, WHO LIVED IN THIS WORLD.
YOU HAVE NONE OF THOSE THINGS AS YOU SAID, IT IS NOT STRANGE FOR YOU TO DISAPPEAR.
EVEN IF YOU HAVE YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND, YOU WILL ENDLESSLY DRIFT.
SO NOW..
..COME BACK TO ME AND BECOME MINE, CHILD.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE PICKED THOSE FLOWERS...

ROHINI ACADEMY'S CHIEF CAPTAIN OF THE WHITE KNIGHTS, HECATE DIRANTRA
SHE GOT SICK WITH LOVE AT ONCE AND AFTER LOSING A PRECIOUS FRIEND, RAISED TWO CHILDREN.
ALTHOUGH WE CUSTOMARILY CALLED HER "NANNY"...
...ACTUALLY SHE WAS...
...OUR MOTHER AND...
...WE WERE...

...HER CHILDREN.
STOP IT, STUPID!
JERK!
STOP IT!

NO!
THE MAGIC FORMATION IS STILL ALIVE!
NOT ONLY THAT
..IT'S OVERLY EXCITED!

AT MEANS...
THERE ARE TOO MANY OPENINGS!

MISS NARCIEO!
DAMN IT!

RED DROPS OF BLOOD AND
CLEAR WATER DROPS
ARE BEAUTIFUL

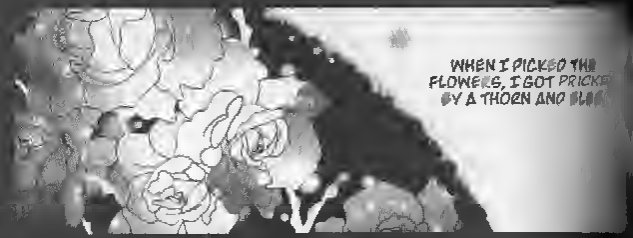
IF THERE IS A PLACE IN THIS WORLD FOR ME...
I THINK THAT IT IS PROBABLY THE PLACE THIS CHILD TALKED ABOUT.
THE PLACE THAT I WAS RAISED DURING THE TIMES I DO NOT REMEMBER.
THE PLACE WHERE I MEANINGLESSLY ACCEPTED THE SYMBOL OF DEMONS' AND HUMANS' EYES.
THAT IS WHY I WA THINKING ABOUT USELESS THING
BUT...
...THAT ISN'T RIGHT.

IT ISN'T!
I'M SORRY.

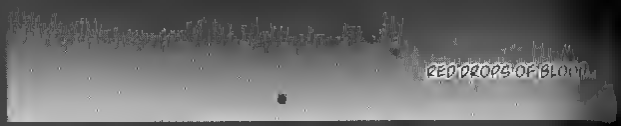
BUT THE ONLY ONE LEAVING
...IS YOU!

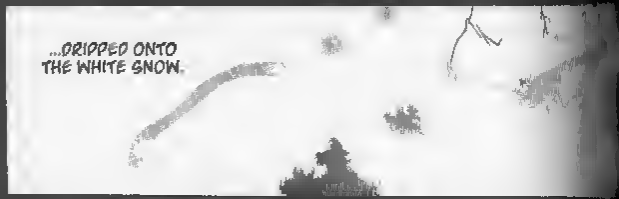
GOODBYE, REJURU.
I HOPE WE NEVER MEET AGAIN.
WAIT!
I'M NOT DONE YET!
DO YOU THINK I'LL LET YOU GO LIKE THIS?

YOU WAIT AND SEE!
I'LL NEVER LET YOU BE! FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE...
FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU REGRET IT!
SEJURU!



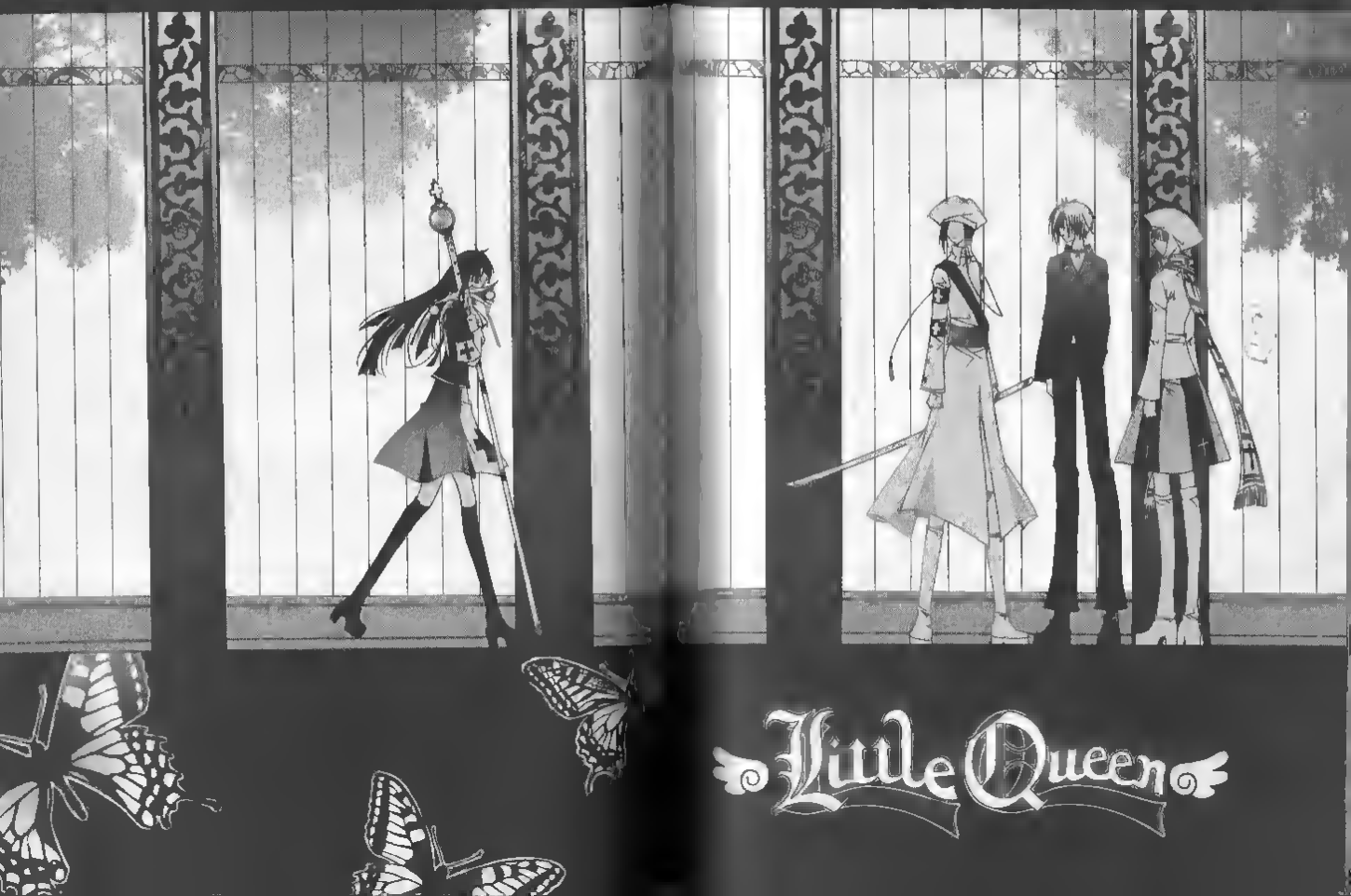
ACTUALLY, IT'S A STORY I DON'T REMEMBER.





THE MEMORY IS SO FAINT

...FEEL SO DIRTY?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THAT MUST BE THE QUEEN'S ROD
YES MISS LUFERR BLOCKED THE SMALL RING FORMATION OF THE DEMONS WITH IT I WAS THERE IT WAS AMAZING!
BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO AVERT A WAR..
YOU WENT INTO BATTLE, TOO.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT US, BUT THE RED KNIGHTS WILL PROBABLY GO TO THE FRONT LINES UNDER HER MAJESTY'S NAME

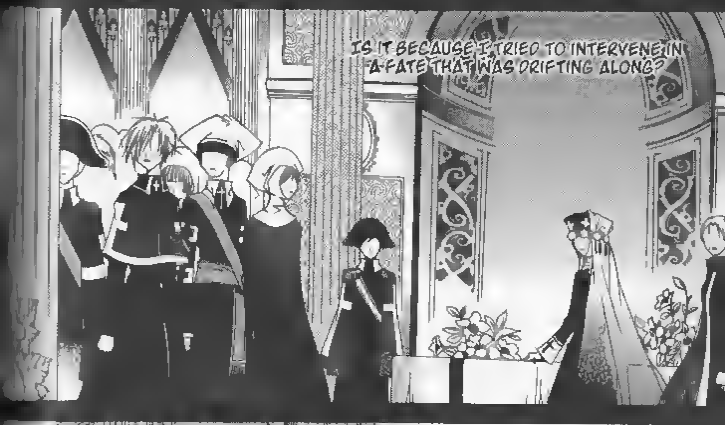
ARE YOU RETURNING IT?

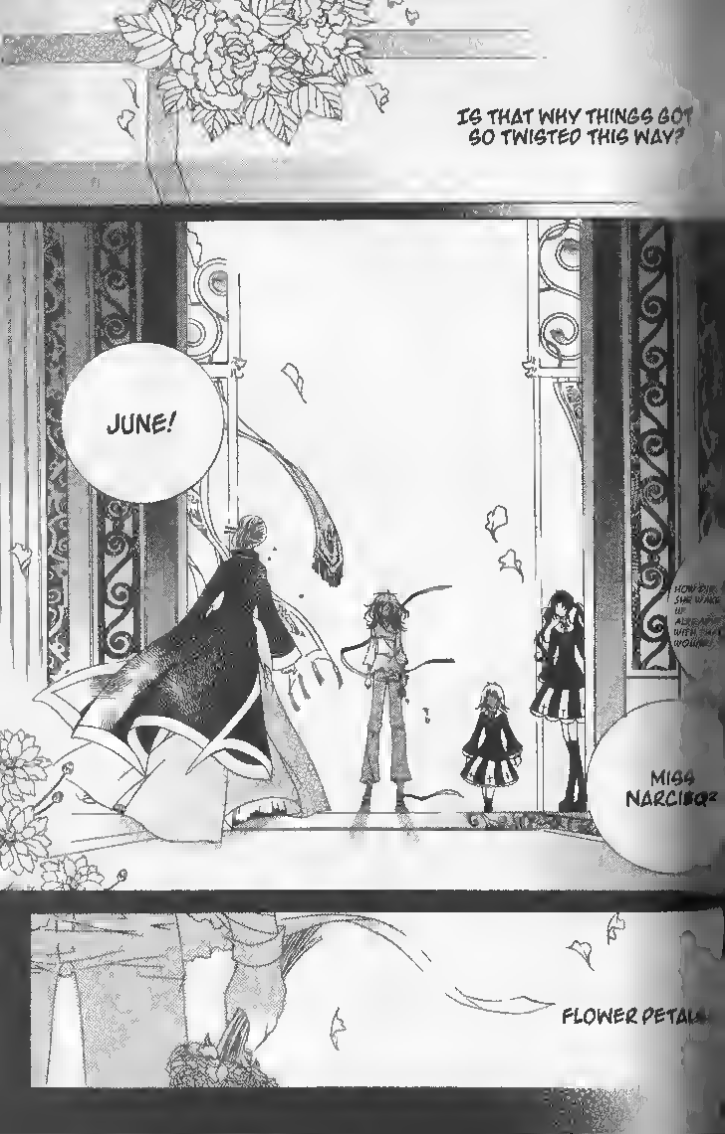
IT BELONGS TO JUNE.
I JUST BORROWED IT
YOU KNOW THAT SHE TOOK FIRST PLACE BECAUSE OF THE QUEEN'S ROD, RIGHT?
HM...
SO?

ISN'T IT A WASTE?
NO. I DON'T WANT TO BE QUEEN THAT WAY.
THEN WHAT WAY DO YOU WANT IT?
OR MAYBE YOU DON'T ACTUALLY WANT TO BE THE QUEEN?
OH, NO! DID I HIT THE MARK?
I KNEW YOU WERE JUST LIKE ME

BUT...
...I THOUGHT YOU LIKED THIS GUY.
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER NOW?
I DON'T KNOW..
..HOW I WOULD

I HAD THIS THOUGHT.




IS THAT WHY THINGS GOT SO TWISTED THIS WAY?
JUNE!
HOWEVER, SHE'D MADE UP ALREADY WITH [illegible]
MISS NARCISO?
FLOWER PETALS

...AND THE WIND...
...AND THE MIND...
...DRIFTING...
IF I JUST "WATCH," THEN NOTHING HAS MEANING.

TO SEE EVERYTHING AND CONTROL EVERYTHIN
THAT IS ALREADY THE GODS' DOMAIN.
CLOSING
THERE IS NO WA, IT'S POSSIBLE FOR ME, A HUMAN.
...THE WINDOW...
...YOU...
...IS ALWAYS THAT WAY.

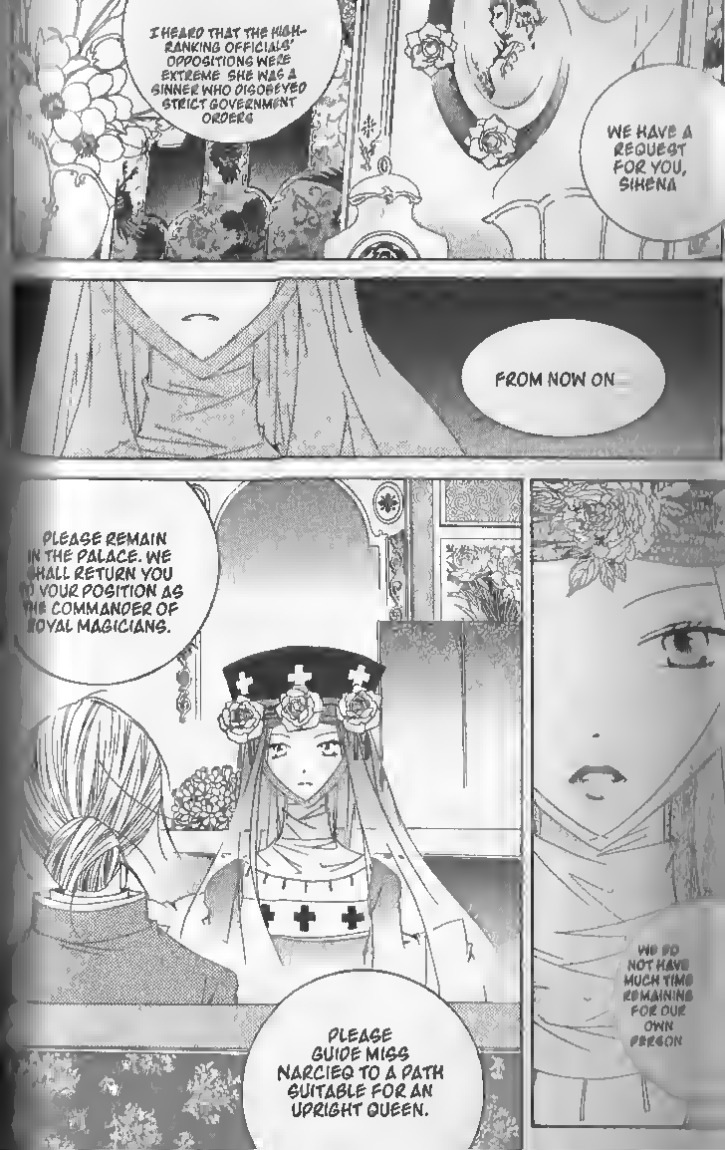
EVEN IF YOU LET GO AND LET GO...
...MANY TIMES AND MANY TIMES..
...!...
THEY RETURN
...AND RESENT IT.
HUH?

YOU ...
...AND LUCIA, TOO.
FRETTING THAT YOU CAN'T SPARE YOURSELVES?
WHAT IS THIS?
POOR YURI... HEARTBREAKING YURI...
THE PAST?
NICE YURI...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES, WOULD YOU REMEMBER THIS ONE THING?
THE FUTURE?
I ALWAYS ...

WISHED...
...YOU'D DO IT.
WHAT?

IS THIS...
...THE INFLUENCE OF SPENTA MINEA?

THE NIGHT IS GETTING LONGER.
THE INCANDESCENT SUMMER HAS PASSED.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MAJESTY.
WE A HAPPY SEE Y AGAI SIHON
THANK YOU FOR CONTINUALLY BEING WITH HECATE "WHO-WAS-ALONE."
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO SUCH NOBILITY.


I HEARD THAT THE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS' OPPOSITIONS WERE EXTREME. SHE WAS A SINNER WHO DISOBEYED STRICT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.
WE HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU, SIHENA.
FROM NOW ON...
PLEASE REMAIN IN THE PALACE. WE SHALL RETURN YOU TO YOUR POSITION AS THE COMMANDER OF ROYAL MAGICIANS.
WE DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME REMAINING FOR OUR OWN REIGN.
PLEASE GUIDE MISS NARCIEO TO A PATH SUITABLE FOR AN UPRIGHT QUEEN.

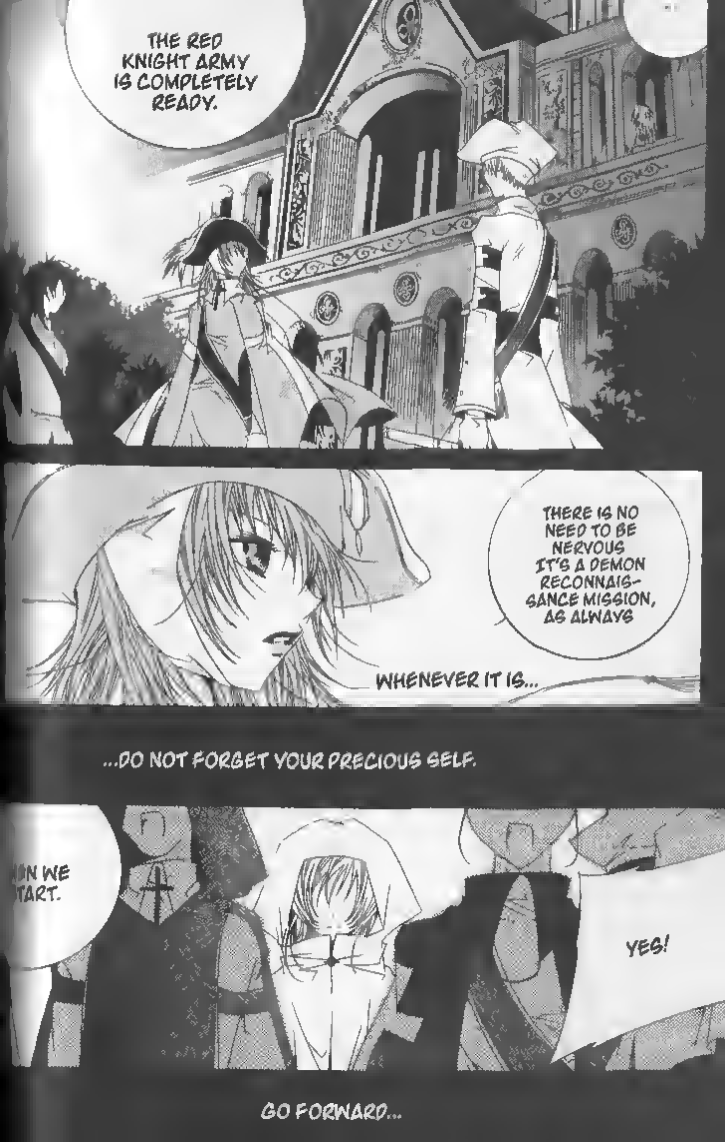
A CHILD O
YOUNG RE
A TRUSTWO
MENTOR
POSSIBL
ADMINIST
STATE AFF
FROM O
THE VIL
JIBRILTE?
WHEN WE PASS, MISS NARCIES SHALL ASCEND TO THE THRONE AS TOP CANDIDATE.
YOU MUST ALREADY KNOW THIS.
YOU HAVE BROUGHT IT UPON YOURSELF.
SIHENA ASSINOF, YO
RAN AWAY W
OUR LEADING
CANDIDAT

AND IT TOOK US TEN YEARS TO FIND HER.
TEN YEARS.
IT IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME FOR A CHILD WHO HAS STARTED WALKING TO LEARN HOW TO TALK, LEARN HOW TO WRITE AND LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD
ALTHOUGH TO YOU AND MISS NARCIEO, BEING A QUEEN'S CANDIDATE MAY FEEL MEANINGLESS.
SHE IS A VALUABLE CHILD ONE OF THE SEVEN CHOSEN ONES OUT OF MILLIONS

BUT JUNE NARCIEG IS NOT ONLY VALUABLE TO YOU, BUT TO US, AS WELL.
OF COURSE, EVERY CHILD IN THE WORLD IS VALUABLE
IT'S MORE
COMMAND
A REQUE

NEVERTHELESS
WHY ARE WE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT EVERYONE?
SIHENA...
ARE YOU REALLY LEAVING AG WELL?
IS IT TRUE?

WHY IS EVERYONE LEAVING BEFORE AN OLD WOMAN?
YOU..
YOU MAY HAVE FOOL
REGRETS, CURLED UP IN
SHADOW OF THE NIGH
YOU MAY HAVE DELAYED TEARS WITH COLD HANDS BURIED IN YOUR CHEST
WE...
THERE IS SOMETHING WE HAVE WANTED TO TELL MISS NARCIEQ ALL THIS TIME
LORD MAYANK


THE RED KNIGHT ARMY IS COMPLETELY READY.
THERE IS NO NEED TO BE NERVOUS IT'S A DEMON RECONNAIS-SANCE MISSION, AS ALWAYS
WHENEVER IT IS...
...DO NOT FORGET YOUR PRECIOUS SELF.
ON WE TART.
YES!
GO FORWARD...

SOMETIMES...

...THE SORROW THAT ONE MUST DISCARD TO MOVE FORWARD...

...THE CRUEL WORLD WHOSE MORNING ONLY COMES WHEN ONE BITES ONE'S LIPS AND SWALLOWS ONE'S TEARS...

...ONE MUST *LEARN* THEM.

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WE CAN'T FIND MISS NARCIEQ ANYWHERE AROUND THE PALACE!
EVERYONE'S ASKING IF SHE MIGHT HAVE GONE WITH THE RED KNIGHTS.
BUT HOW COULD SHE IN HER CONDITION?
MANA, WHY DO YOU KEEP GIVING ME THESE REPORTS?
ARE YOU ASKING ME TO JOIN THE SEARCH TEAM?
AH NO IT'S NOT THAT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE CURIOUS
I'M NOT CURIOUS AT I HAVE SOMETHING I M PRAY FOR RIGHT NO SO DON'T BOTHER M
AH. OKAY.
THEN WORK HARD, MR. YURI.

DAMN IT.
BRIEFLY...
IF I LOOK JUST BRIEFLY...
"I WISHED..."
"...THAT YOU'D SAVE ME."

SAVE?
HEH!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT "SAVE" MEANS?
WE ARE NOT FRIEND
NOT BROTHERS OR COMRADES WHO SHARE THE SAME MEANING.
NOR ARE WE LOVERS.
STILL SAYING THOSE WORDS SO CALMLY...

JUNE NARCIEO.
I CANNOT GATHER THE FALLING STARS.
I CAN'T EVEN GATHER UP THE WORDS THAT
ARE SPAT OUT UNWITTINGLY.

BUT STILL... ME?
YURI!
YURI!
WAKE UP!

IS ANYONE IN THERE?
YURI!
YURI!
AT THAT MOMENT...

WE SHOULD HAVE ELIMINATED THAT BOY.
SO CRAMPED WHY?
SO COLD WHY?
SHOULD WE WAKE THEM? THEY'RE SO MISERABLE
V.V
V

GOOD THINKING.
ACHOO!
OUCH! MY SHOULDER ACHES
HUH?
IT'S SO UNFAIR THAT YOU'RE A CANDIDATE FOR QUEEN IT'S RIDICULOUS!
I SAW IT FROM THE BEGINNING
CHILD, YOU HAVE BECOME A KNIGHT.
WHAT IS THIS GIRL SAYING IN FRONT OF THE DINNER TABLE?
SLURP
STOP AND EAT DINNER.

"WANT TO GO TO THE DEMON WORLD." INDEED!
I CAN TAKE YOU THERE. YOU CAN ACTUALLY HELP US FIGHT
HOWEVE
IF YOU ARE GOING TO EMBRACE THE DEMON IN FRONT OF ME AGAIN, GO BACK RIGHT NOW.

I SEE HOW IT IS.
GOOD.
MISS SENORA ...
. WHY DO DEMONS AND HUMANS HAVE TO FIGHT?

IT WAS A LOW LEVEL DEMON, SO WE DISPATCHED IT EASILY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHY"?
DEMONS ARE USUALLY STRONGER THAN HUMANS, AND HUMANS LIVE SHORTER LIVES THAN DEMONS'
BUT WE A EQUALLY INTELLIGENT

BUT THE ONLY THING MISSING IS HEART.
BUTTING HEADS IS INEVITABLE.
...
...WE CAN JUST WALK DIFFERENT PATHS. WHY FIGHT ON THE SAME PATH?
BUT IF THE PATHS ARE DIFFERENT...

WHY ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY TO FIGHT?
ISN'T IT WITH THE INTENTION TO TAKE REVENGE FOR DIRANTRA?
BECAUSE SHE DIED.
BECAUSE NANNY DIED
I KNEW THE PATH WOULD BE DIFFERENT.

HE ALWAYS WAITED FOR SOMEONE AT THE TOP OF THE HILL.
HE WAITED EVERYDAY, WITHOUT EATING.
I TOOK HIM LUNCHES THAT NANNY PACKED.
ONE MORNING HE MIGHT BE GONE.
I USED TO THINK ABOUT THAT EVERY NIGHT.

WE LIVED TOGETHER FOR NINE YEARS.

I KNEW THAT WE WOULD WALK COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PATHS.

WE LIVED TOGETHER FOR NINE YEARS.

THAT'S WHY I CAN'T BACK AWAY LIKE THIS.
NO MATTER HOW RIGID THE LOGIC, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS HEART.
SO, IN CONCLU-SION
...THIS FEELING THAT CAN'T BE EXPLAINED WON'T EVER SUBSIDE.

I'M THE ONE WHO WILL CUT HIM.
AND WHAT I REMEMBER IS YOU.
IT HAS TO BE ME.

TOMORROW, WE WILL BE IN DEMON TERRITORY.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I CAUGHT YURI IN THE VICINITY OF THE BORDER AND BROUGHT HIM BACK HERE FOUR YEARS AGO
HUH?
HE FELL FOR ME AT FIRST SIGHT AND FOLLOWED ME AROUND
OH HO! AND?
AND STILL, HE HANGS AROUND ME HE THINKS THAT I DON'T KNOW. AND HE'S A MERE MAGISTRATE
POOR YURI.
THE THING THAT'S EVEN CRUELER IS THE FACT THAT SHE'S NOT SAYING THAT TO LAUGH OF HER
YURI!
UGH!
TIK TIK
TIK TIK

"I CAN ONLY SEE THE END OF THE END."

"THE END OF ALL CREATION IS DEATH."
"REST IN THE SOIL."
"RED BLOOD ON THE EARTH."
"EXTINCTION OF LIGHT."
"SILENCE."
YURI.
"I DON'T HAVE AN EXCUSE IF THEY CALL SOMEONE LIKE ME A DEAD GOD I'D RATHER
"I WISH I'D HAD BAD EYES."
LET'S NOT LOOK!

HEAD MAGISTRATE
I'M THE SEALING TOOL THAT WAS CREATED BY HOLY ENERGY. MY POWERS ARE STILL USEFUL
SO, LET'S JUST COVER OUR EYES.
AS YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR..
LET'S JUST MOVE FORWARD AND LIVE..
HEAD MAGISTRATE, YURI DISAPPEARED!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YURI DISAPPEARED?!

...YOU COULD HAVE LIVED WELL ANYWHERE.
IF YOU LEFT LIKE THAT...
SO WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
COME BACK AND..

IT'S ALMOST DEMON TERRITORY NOW.
STAY ON YOUR TOES!
YES!
THE GIRL OF LIGHT IS COMING.

SHE'S BEEN HERE SEVERAL TIMES WITHOUT TIRING.
SHE'S COMING TO KILL ME
OH, NO! THE LADY MUST BE COMING TO KILL ME.
BECAUSE OF ME SHE'S CROSSING THE COLD SNOW.

I HAVE A REQUEST.
I WANT TO GLORIOUSLY RECEIVE THE TRANSPARENT SWORD IN THIS BODY.
PLEASE DON'T EAT ME UNTIL THE LADY KILLS ME.

WHERE IS THE HUMAN QUEEN?
COULD THIS BE SEAL FORMATION?!
QUEEN OF LIGHT, COME OUT AND RECEIVE OUR KING'S WISH.
HEAD MAGISTRATE, IT'S DANGEROUS!
WHERE IS SHE?
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
COME OUT, QUEEN OF LIGHT!

WHY DOES A DEMON ANIMAL LOOK FOR US?
MAJESTY!
THE QUEEN OF LIGHT, JIBRALTA IS HERE
STOP THE COMMOTION AND DELIVER THE WORDS OF THE DEMON KING!

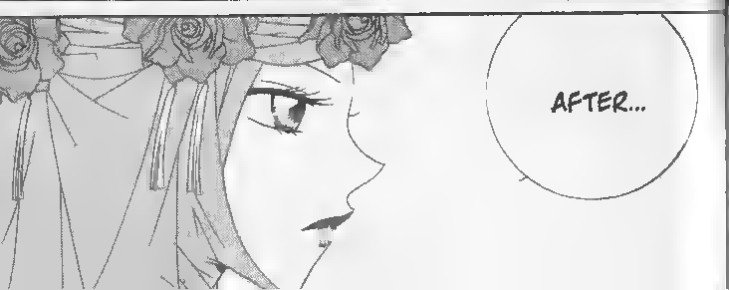
IT WAS ALSO A MEANING-LESS REST.
WHY...
IT WAS A LONG SLEEP.
WHY IS HER MAJESTY HOLDING SPENTA MINEA?

COMING HERE AFTER GETTING PERMISSION TO LEAVE TO VISIT JUNE SHE'S NOT HERE .
PLUS, THIS SITUATION IS .
THAT IS HUMILIATION
DECEIT.

MAJESTY.
HUMAN QUEEN.
THE TIME FOR HUMANS HAS COME
IT'S TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO SLEEP
BUT I...

...WILL KILL YOU AND YOUR SUCCESSORS...

...AND DESTROY THE HUMAN KINGDOM.


AFTER...

...DO YOU THINK YOU WILL REALIZE YOUR HOPES?
...YOU KILL US AND THE CANDIDATES...

ALTHOUGH YOU KILL THE MOTHER AND THE FATHER, THE CHILD WILL CONTINUE THEIR WILL DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE YOU WILL REALIZE YOUR HOPES?
...AND NEGLECT YOUR PEOPLE!
IT IS A SHAME!
THE WAY YOU RECOL-LECT ONLY RESENT-MENT.
KNIGHTS, DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO LEAVE THE PALACE!

YOU MAY BORROW THIS.
BORROW?
LIKE HE WANTED FROM THE BEGINNING...
BUT IF YOU'D LIKE...
YOUR MAJESTY!

...YOU CAN KEEP IT. IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.
MAJESTY!
DAMN IT! I CAN'T GET THROUGH THIS DEMONIC FLAME!
YURI! IF YOU GET ANY CLOSER, YOU'LL BURN!
MAJESTY! STOP!
MAJESTY!

NO...

I HOPE THAT YOU NEVER RETURN IT ME.

...IF IT ULTIMATELY...

...BECOMES IDLE HOPE...
JUNE NARCIEQ.
HER MAJESTY IS DEAD.

FROM THIS MOMENT...
...YOU ARE OUR QUEEN.
I ALWAYS WANTED...
...ONLY THAT.
I WANTED TO DREAM OTHER DREAMS.

Little Queen

TO BE CONTINUED

In the next volume, June is, at last, crowned the new Queen of Light! But her reign may be doomed to failure before it's even begun!

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